

# MIDWEST ELONGATED COLLECTORS



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QUARTER

## LET'S REPORT THE "HOLE THING"

by JACK WILCOX



Rudy's article "A Hole Is A Hole, Is A Hole" is both amusing and informative. Having recently obtained another elongated with a filled hole so to speak, I thought it might be of further interest to pursue this subject a bit more, so here goes:

The elongated recently obtained is a holed WAS-XXX # 3. Attached to the key chain is a mailing card (3¢ stamp) by Western Souvenirs, Inc., Spokane, Wash. The front of the card reads; Souvenir key chain -- "Grand Coulee Dam (elongated view); this view engraved on a penny".

In our New Jersey elongateds I have a N.J.ac # 6 with a small celuloid tag that reads: "Souvenir of Atlantic City and Steeple Chase Pier". I also have a L.P.dbODTG # 3 with a celuloid tag that reads "Souvenir of Atlantic City". These two tags are attached to the hole with a copper ring.

The oddest find which we almost over looked is the pair of elongateds (NYWF (1) # 5e and L.P.rBOTE #6) attached to a key chain which has W.F. stamped on the catch, for the World's Fair no doubt?

I also have a Lord's Prayer with oblong slots on each end for a bracelet snap. So you see the holes were really put to good use.

It would be interesting to hear reports from other members on this interesting subject. Fill these holes for us!!

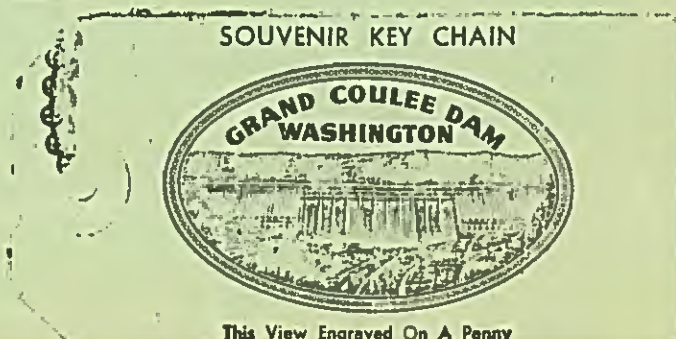
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## MY FAVORITE ELONGATEDS

by KAZUMA OYAMA

Why the plural? Well, it's actually the subject on the elongateds that's my favorite and so far I have four on this particular subject. I first became aware of this subject in grade school some forty five plus years ago. My first thrilling meeting with this subject was on a chilly February morning in 1944 while I was in the Army. I was stationed at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, but was on leave at that time. My second encounter was on a November day in 1956 while working for the U.S. Army. I was attending school at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and was on a weekend trip at that time. And the third time was when I took my wife and daughter on a sight seeing trip to Washington, D.C.; Philadelphia and New York City. This was in the hot summer of July 1970. I was lucky on my first two visits - no crowds around in winter and autumn so I had a leisurely and complete visit with my subject. But the summer of '70 was different, she had so many visitors we had to stand in long lines and yet were unable to get a real close-up inside view of her in the time allotted by the tour. Yes, it was a disappointment but I guess summer just wasn't the right time to visit the Statue of Liberty.

So far I have three different "Statues" plus one elongated with Emma Lazarus' famous prose. The three "Statues" that I have are:



- (1) Large statue with "Statue of Liberty" on the right and "Bedloe Island New York, Dedicated to America by France, October 28, 1886" on the left.
- (2) Small statue with "Statue of Liberty" curved over the top, "New York" at the bottom, "Bedloe" on the left and "Island" on the right.
- (3) Small statue with "Liberty" curved over the top, "1886" at the bottom, "305 ft. tall base to torch" on the left and "New York Harbor" on the right.

Besides our flag, there are many things that symbolizes America to different people - The White House, the U.S. Capitol, Lincoln Memorial, Mt. Rushmore, Golden Gate Bridge, The Alamo and many others. But for me - next to our flag - it's the Statue of Liberty with the words of Emma Lazarus.



## SHIP - BOAT THEME

by RON (THE SWEDE) SWENSON

As I save ships or boats on pins, elongated coins, buttons or badges, and tokens, medals also old post cards and notgeld or what have you. I answered the ad from TEC Vol. 10, # 2, For Sale: Bicentennial Elongated, 200 Anniversary-Burning Of The Gaspee 1772/1972, First Blow For Freedom.

There were 50 rolled on British one new pence. Pennies with Queen Elizabeth on the reverse, (sold out) and there were 50 rolled on British one new pence pennies with the Royal Crown on the reverse. (The Crown reverse is on the  $\frac{1}{2}$  pence.)

As to the burning of the Gaspee...She was an American ship burned by the British navy in 1772, so it is called the 1st blow for freedom.



## MAIL CALL

by LEE MARTIN

The House of Elongateds receives interesting mail. Our customers usually include notes with their orders and some of them are fascinating.

Many collectors specialize. Sometimes the speciality is rather narrow. One individual collects only Lincoln material; another, just Kennedy elongateds. Most hobbyists try to assemble a complete presidential set. The Bicentennial theme is extremely popular; but despite this, there are many who ignore the Bicentennial because they feel it's impossible to collect everything honoring our 200th birthdate.

We find there are probably about the same number women collectors as men but a very small portion of juniors. Because elongateds are so reasonable, it seems that the younger collector would be among the most interested in our field. Perhaps the subject matter is too sophisticated. If rollers would produce coins honoring comic heroes, rock and roll stars, and fads, I am sure more juniors would collect the coins.

Most rollers tend to bypass this type of subject because they can become involved in lawsuits if they utilize names of individuals who are in the entertainment field, etc. Most entertainers want royalties and the small amount made on any elongated coin leaves little for the artist.

The rollers in our hobby are probably unique because the majority of them know their profits will be small, their labor large and often, the collector will disparage the coins. The satisfaction in creating a coin that will live beyond the rollers lifetime is probably the primary motive in producing our stretched coins.

I am not certain what company or individual is the largest in our field but of greatest interest to collectors is the roller producing the smallest mintages. This, too, will remain open to argument but one fact is beyond disagreement, even the largest mintages of elongateds remain far below the so-called limited mintages in other facets of numismatics.

Collectors of elongateds own coins that have all the assets of interesting subject matter, great appeal, permanency, and reasonable price. Stretched coins also stretch the hobbyists' appreciation of economics, art and history.



MANY THANKS to the House of Elongateds for the generous offer to roll the 1975 MEMBERSHIP ELONGATED COIN...at no cost to the club.

As soon as their work schedule allows it, Ron & Mary Chatham, and Lee Martin will diligently work on this project. This elongated will be worth waiting for!!

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## "ELONGATEDLY YOURS"

by DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, SR.

MEC members attention! Tired of waiting for your quarterly MEC newsletter and TEC news? Disgusted with searching through Coin World and Numismatic News, as well as numerous small "rag" papers, looking for elongated coins? Mad at various "rollers", collectors and dealers, who do not even extend the courtesy of replying to enclosed SASE's?

If all or part of the above, makes you "up-tight", I suggest we pool our efforts, and come up with a monthly BUY - TRADE - SELL Elongated Coin Journal. Surely someone with an offset press, duplicator or copier, can provide a helping hand. With postage due to take an increase, I feel sure that multiple correspondence, will become even more limited.

There appears to be publications, monthly, of almost every other collectable item. I am almost positive that costs could be under-written, by the combined membership of all elongated coin clubs, to the advantage of all concerned; as well as to help promote this hobby of ours, which presently seems to be confined and/or limited to a given few.

Take your trusty pen in hand, and let's see some comments in print, pro or con. It's "your hobby", let's give it a chance to grow and expand.

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## "THE BULLETIN BOARD"

WANTED: Will trade anyone having a 1975 Christmas personal elongated one of ours. (Our order expected soon!!) John H. Wilcox, Letter Carrier Rte., # 283, North Brunswick, N.J. 08902.

WANTED: Members listings of elongated coins, for sale or trade, and "want" lists. "Doug" Fairbanks, Sr., 5937 Beadle Drive, Jamesville, N.Y. 13078.

FOR Dow numbers: CAL1.a. # 2, 2a, 2b, GGIE # 13, 15, OBB # 6b, 5  
TRADE: with two small holes, SHIPS # 5.  
My wants: CAL-GGIE # 7a, 18, 19, 20, 20a, 21. Waganman issues - Ind. 22 Lucky Dollar, Pol. 4 JFK Half Dollar. Don Finch, P.O. Box 466, Visalia, Ca. 93277.

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## ISRAEL NUMISOCIETY OF BROOKLYN - THE MARCH MEETING - as published

ABE GEFTER AND ELONGATEDS: If you were at the March meeting, you enjoyed a very special treat as Abe Gefter displayed his most beautiful and impressive collection of "elongateds" and told us about getting started in this aspect of numismatics back in 1965, when he picked up 13 elongateds from a "junk box" and paid \$ 1.50 for the lot! Abe then described the growth of interest in this area and showed examples of various types -- from hand engraved to hand painted to "smallest" to "Presidential" -- and so on...Thanks, Abe, for an informative and entertaining lecture. Abe was awarded the ANA Educational Award.



## A LITTLE ABOUT PAINTING ELONGATED COINS

by SALLY KIRKA

I received a letter recently from a T.E.C. member asking me how I paint my elongated coins. Seeing he is a member of M.E.C. too, I thought I'd write an article about it. First you have to have a nice elongated coin to paint, or a coin that can be painted. I've really painted a few hundred coins and have a weak eye to prove it. If I see a coin I think could be painted, I try one and if I like what I see, I'll paint a few more. So first pick a coin you would like painted and try your luck folks.

You can use those small bottles of Pla enamels, bought at any five & dime store, or Grants, or at any of those discount department stores. These are sold for about 19¢-29¢ a small bottle. I advise you to buy a few of the colors you will use, all at one time. There is another paint you can use, but for a learner, its best to stick to this kind of paint.

I also buy the paint brush numbered 0000, or still smaller to use. I think its best to stick to # 0000 for now. It has a few hairs and this is what you need. I buy 2 or 3 at a time to use for different colors. I also use a good turpentine to clean my brush and to dip my brush as it dries.

I use a large 4" magnifying glass to work with. I lay my coin, or coins flat on newspaper and start. I first paint the large things and one color at a time. Take my Uncle Sam, I paint the red first where ever it was needed. If you're doing more then one coin, let the first coin dry and go to the next coin. They dry quickly, but make sure the coin is dry before starting another color. I then painted the blue where it was needed. When all this was dry, then I used white. Always clean your brush before using another color. I clean it in my turpentine which I have in a 3" dish. You can paint the face flush color if you want to, but its not necessary. It's good to paint the eyes and lips as this makes the face stand out. Little by little your coin is shaping up. You'd be surprised when your through, how nice the coin looks when its finished. When the coins are dried, which could take two or three days, or you could put the coins in the oven at 200 degrees for a few minutes. You then can spray the coins with a clear lacquer to give the coins a high gloss finish. I really wait a good three days to make sure the coins are dry before spraying.

Now before you try painting, be sure you have a steady hand that day and a strong light to work with. Do not let the lamp bulb shine into your eyes, as you can get serious eye trouble doing this. Also don't try to rush things, or try to get this done in five minutes. Take it easy and enjoy what you're doing and your coins will come out very nice. Try it and you may like it.

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DEAR FELLOW MEMBERS,

9/75

WE'RE GETTING STRONGER... WE'VE GOT THE KEY COLLECTORS IN OUR FIELD... WE'VE ONLY JUST BEGUN. EVERY ISSUE CONTINUES TO GET BETTER... DON'T FAIL ME OR YOUR HOBBY—PLEASE SEND IN THOSE ARTICLES FOR THE DECEMBER ISSUE. LET'S CLOSE THE YEAR WITH A SUPER ISSUE.

BURT



## ELONGATES - A FASCINATING NUMISMATIC AVENUE

by KURT R. KRUEGER

Although I was aware of what an elongated coin was for many years, I didn't actually take an active interest in them until about five years ago when I began collecting exnumia from the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair.

In fact, you might say that an elongate sparked my interest in the 1904 St. Louis Fair. I was in Milwaukee attending the closing of a dealers bid-board one Saturday afternoon. Just as the final bids were being placed, I noticed a card containing an elongated coin from the 1904 fair. It was an example of the number 9 in the Dow book. There had been no bids placed on the item, and I felt that the 50¢ minimum bid was most reasonable...so, my first elongate.

Naturally, I wondered if there had been any more coins rolled from that event, imagine my surprise when I discovered that there were 25 different pieces listed with a couple of different varieties!

I at once committed myself to the task of gathering a complete set. A chore, which I later discovered, was very difficult. The road to completing the set brought me into contact with many interesting people. The pile of correspondence grew, and finally the set began to take shape. It soon became apparant that whithin the series were a couple of really tough pieces. I managed to keep my cool, however, and the entire series minus the number 20 was in my possession after four years of hectic shopping.

I can not really say why I have not been able to locate a number 20, as from all indications, while the piece is not common, neither is it an extreme rarity. I imagine that I will run across it someday. For those of you not fortunate enough to own the book, the MO-SLWF number 20 pictures the U.S. Government Building. Building is spelled out on the number 20 unlike it's brother the number 19, which uses the abbreviation BLDG.

If Burt does not mind a little commercial, I would certainly be mighty happy if some reader out there could put me on the track of the number 20 so that I could complete the set.

I guess that is why I have come to respect those who indulge in the collecting of elongates. It is definitely a more challengeing hobby that simply placing round discs in the slots of card-board holders. The element of intrige is present, as we often have to search and then search some more to gather those pieces which we need to fill a certain series.

Yes indeed, numismatics offers many fascinating avenues for those who persue the hobby. Collecting of elongates is certainly high among those avenues.

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### CORRECTIONS:

IN THE JULY BULLETIN I STATED, " REMEMBER THERE ARE ONLY THREE MEDIAS OF ELONGATED COMMUNICATION; MEC, TEC, + CCE. AND THAT IS NOT ENOUGH". I DID FORGET TO MENTION THE FIVE INFORMATIVE BULLETINS WHICH THE HOUSE OF ELONGATES PUBLISHES WHICH EACH NEW ISSUE BROCHURE.





Clem - Hi Hugo, What's that I see you're reading - a memory course book?

Hugo - Yes Clem, I'm so forgetful lately that I'm trying to improve, and this is the best way for a start.

Clem - What exactly seems to be your problem?

Hugo - Well, I can remember everything pertaining to my business and personal affairs, but when it comes to club functions - I'm at a loss. For example, all my friends find elongateds for me but I can't remember to carry their want lists. I always forget to write articles for the MEC Newsletter and I should write at least one a year.

Clem - Perhaps I can aid your memory a bit. I have a want list book in my car glove compartment, one at home, and naturally one at the shop. The want list book is only  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " X 3" so it doesn't take up that much space. What I have done is list every coin listed in the Dow book and after each no. the person who needs that coin. It really isn't that complicated and at least I know who needs what! I find it very advantageous, especially when I find something that I can use as a good trading piece. Many collectors only trade piece for piece - money just won't buy the coin.

Hugo - That's a good idea. I'm going to try it. I've got that problem almost solved - now for the articles...

Clem - That's one problem you're just going to have to solve yourself. Perhaps that memory book will help you.

Hugo - I guess you've got a point!

Clem - Say I just remembered that the MEC elections are coming up. The election ballots will be mailed with the December issue. If you wish to hold an office Hugo, now's the time to state your intentions, and mail them to the club address. (Burt's P.O. Box)

Hugo - I'll think about it Clem, thanks for reminding me. Say what did I come in here for??

### PLANNING To MOVE?

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THE BULLETIN BOARD section of the newsletter is intended as a media for the collector who wishes to display his or her desire to obtain elongated coins, or make it known that he or she has a coin(s) which one may wish to obtain. The bulletin board first appeared in the 1973 Third Quarter Newsletter and I would think that since there is no charge for space in this section that more members would take advantage of it.

Under no circumstances will THE BULLETIN BOARD display FOR SALE ads. Advertising space is available at the following rates:

Quarter page \$ 1.50 - Half page \$ 2.50 - Full page \$ 5.00

Courtesy will be given to all dealers and rollers who are members of Midwest Elongated Collectors. Upon request their names and addresses will be printed in a special section designated as such.

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